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For a small book, it contains a wealth of reliable information that will be found useful to any serious student of insurance. However, it would be a mistake to infer from the title and treatment that the book deals with all or nearly all the important mortality tables that are or have been used in the world. Indeed, the treatment is confined almost entirely to British, American, and